(b) the details of action taken thereon; and

(c) the details of funds released for development of roads in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and how much fund has been earmarked in this regard for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 272 Nos. of proposals amounting to Rs. 624.13 crores have been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh relating to construction of National Highways during the last two years

(b) On the basis of *inter-se* priority, merit of the proposals received and availability of funds, 145 Nos. of proposals costing Rs. 350.65 crores have been sanctioned during the last two years.

(c) Funds released during the last two years is as under:

2002-2003	-	Rs. 137.31 crores
2003-2004	-	Rs. 104.00 crores

During the current year *i.e.* 2004-2005 funds amounting to Rs. 138.00 crore have been earmarked for development of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh.

Mumbai-Pune Expressway

1756. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has completed the work of Mumbai-Pune Expressway, costing about Rs.1630 crores, which forms part of the Golden Quadrilateral Project;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Maharashtra nas requested the National Highway Authority of India for due reimbursement of 40- per cent of the project cost; and

(c) if so, when was the request made and what decision has since been taken for the reimbursement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra has requested Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for reimbursement of 40% cost of the project.

(c) Request was made by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation in January, 2002. As per the policy of the Union Government, the cost of such projects developed by the State Government on State roads are not reimbursed. The Ministry has, however, signed a Concession Agreement with Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation permitting them to levy toll on existing National Highway-4, running generally parallel to Expressway, after completion of some improvement works including widening. The concession period of toll collection upto 30th April, 2030, has been fixed after taking into consideration the capitalised cost of Rs. 704.45 crore of common portion of Expressway and NH-4 which is more than 40% of cost of the entire Expressway.

National Highway No. 5

1757. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation have been made to the NHAI to look into some grievances amongst local people on the NH-5 in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the steps being taken by NHAI in this regard;

(c) whether any reply has been sent to the organisations which made suggestions to request NHAI for some minor modifications;

(d) the steps proposed by NHAI to act on such demands; and

(e) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) Hon'ble Minister of Roads and Buildings Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh in June, 2004 suggested taking up some additional works of flyovers/underpasses service roads, regarding of approaches, drains, median cuts etc. on NH-5 in East Godavari district based on represen-